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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08 April 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f):
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>4/8/2004</u> . | 6) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Marked up Jeschke Fig. 1.</u> |

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 8-11 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In claim 8, line 6, the limitation "the at least one said annular structure" lacks proper antecedent basis in the claim.

In claim 10, line 1, the limitation "the annular structures" lacks proper antecedent basis in the claim.

In claim 11, line 1, the limitation "said annular structure" lacks proper antecedent basis in the claim. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-4, 7-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jeschke (US 4,722,274).

Jeschke teaches a roll 3 comprising at least two partial areas (4; noted in Fig. 1) running around the central axis of the roll, said partial areas being made of an ink-friendly material 4, at least one circular partial area (3; noted in Fig. 1) made of an ink-repellent material 5, said circular partial area made of an ink-repellent material being

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arranged between (noted in Fig. 1) said at least two circular partial areas made of ink-friendly material, said at least two ink-friendly partial areas are made of one of ceramic, copper (col. 4, lines 16-17), polyamide, or Rilsan, the at least one circular ink-repellent partial area is made of chromium (col. 4, lines 13-15), the plurality of circular partial areas made of an ink-friendly material and a plurality of circular partial areas made of ink-repellent material are provided which are located between the partial areas made of ink-friendly material, forming the at least one said annular structure made of an ink-repellent material on a blank roll body 5, the blank roll body being turned to prepare an approximately planar surface, the annular structure being applied by facing (5 faced on 3), chrome-plating or plasma coating, at least one edge area of said annular structure being welded for sealing.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jeschke.

Jeschke teaches the claimed invention except for the circular partial area made of ink-friendly material having a thickness of 0.1 mm to 0.5 mm and/or a width of 25 cm

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to 35 cm, and the circular partial area made of ink-friendly material having a thickness of 0.01 mm to 0.10 mm and a width of 18 mm to 26 mm.

It has been held that where the general conditions of a claim are disclosed in the prior art, there is nothing unobvious about discovering the optimum or workable ranges by routine experimentation. MPEP 2144.05 (II) (A). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Jeschke to have the circular partial area made of ink-friendly material have a thickness of 0.1 mm to 0.5 mm and/or a width of 25 cm to 35 cm, and a thickness of 0.01 mm to 0.10 mm and a width of 18 mm to 26 mm, in order to produce the highest quality image possible.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin D. Williams whose telephone number is (571) 272-2172. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew H. Hirshfeld can be reached on (571) 272-2168. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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